

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:369
ANSWERED ON:08.04.2003
FEE STRUCTURE FOR PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the All India Council for Technical Education has appointed a Commission to decide the fee structure for all the private educational institutions for which admission will be determined through an All India Engineering Entrance Examination as reported in Times of India dated 11th March 2003;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether this was one of the decisions arrived at by consensus at the Conference of State Education Secretaries, convened by the Union HRD Ministry recently;
- (d) if so, the details of the other decisions taken in the Conference; and
- (e) the response of the Union Government thereto and the time frame if any, fixed for implementation of the decisions taken in the Conference?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 369 FOR 08.04.2003 ASKED BY SHRI RAM MOHAN GADDE AND SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL REGARDING FEE STRUCTURE FOR PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

As per the information furnished by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), they have not so far appointed any such Commission as reported in the news-item under reference. However, the Interim Policy Regulations notified by AICTE on 7th March, 2003, consequent to the judgement delivered on 31st October, 2002 by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in TMAPai Foundation Vs State of Karnataka and Others, inter-alia provides that, in order to facilitate the technical institutions to workout a reasonable fee structure, the AICTE in pursuance of its statutory obligations under the AICTE Act would draft guidelines for fee fixation. The task of drafting of guidelines / formula for fee fixation will be assigned to a high-powered committee. Till such time the high powered committee gives its recommendations, the interim regulations provides that, as an interim arrangement, the State Government may decide a uniform fee structure to be made applicable to all the students including those of management seats, for the current academic year through its fee committee. The Interim Policy Regulations were generally endorsed in the meeting of State Education Secretaries (Technical) held on 10th March 2003. In the said meeting, various other issues relating to technical education such as Technology Channel, Indian National Digital Library in Science and Technology (INDEST) Consortium, etc. were also discussed.